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Experiment 10: Purification of KSHV

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 50 and 51 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

Please add new claims 52 and 53 as follows:

52. (New) An isolated peptide encoded by at least a portion of a nucleic acid molecule with a sequence as set forth in any of SEQ ID NOs:2-37, and that uniquely defines a herpesvirus associated with Kaposi's sarcoma.

53. (New) A composition which comprises the peptide of claim 52 and a carrier.

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 50 and 51 without prejudice and have added new claims 52 and 53, corresponding thereto, respectively, to introduce certain format changes. Support for new claims 52 and 53 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 35, lines 4-9. Applicants maintain that the addition of new claims 52 and 53 does not raise an issue of new matter. Applicants have also introduced certain format changes to the specification to address the informalities raised by the Examiner. A marked-up version of the amended paragraphs is annexed hereto as Exhibit A. Accordingly, new claims 52 and 53 will be pending in the subject application upon entry of this Amendment.